

COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE NEWS

Sandra Coffey-Extension Coordinator

Recipes to try

You may want to reduce the fat in some of these recipes. These are old favorites and might give you some new ideas in serving your New Year's meal.

A meal of ham, blackeyed peas, turnip greens, and cornbread has become a New Year's tradition. Here is a complete menu that includes all these favorites.

Baked Ham Slice
1 (3-1/2 - 4 lb) ham slice, about 2 inches thick
1/2 cup apple juice or cider
1/4 cup maple-flavored syrup
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
Dash of ground cloves

Place ham slice in a 12x8x2-inch baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients, and pour over ham slice. Cover and bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until tender. Serve with drippings, if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

Saucy Turnip Greens
2 lbs. fresh turnip greens with roots
3 cups water
1/2 cup onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 slices bacon
3/4 tsp. sugar
2 Tbsps. vinegar

Pick and wash turnip greens. Peel turnip roots, cut in half. Combine greens, roots, water, and salt in a large Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer one hour or until greens and roots are tender.

Drain greens, reserving 1 cup liquid. Set aside. Cook bacon in skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon, and set aside. Sauté onion in drippings. Add reserved turnip greens and 1/2 cup liquid. Dissolve flour and sugar in vinegar; stir in reserved cooking liquid. Add mixture to greens; cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until thickened. Stir in the reserved bacon. Yield: 6 servings.

Southern Cornbread
2 cups self-rising cornmeal
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup shortening, melted
1-1/2 cups buttermilk

Combine all ingredients; stir well. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan, heat in a 450° oven for 3-5 minutes or until very hot. Fill immediately with cornmeal mixture. Bake at 450° for 25-30 minutes. Yield: 9 servings.

Chocolate Pecan Pie
2 (1-oz.) squares unsweetened chocolate
1/4 cup coffee
2 Tbsps. butter or margarine
4 eggs
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
6-8 pecan halves

Combine chocolate and coffee in a medium saucepan; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate melts. Remove from heat, add butter. Stir until butter melts; cool.

Combine eggs, syrup, and sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Gradually stir into chocolate; stir in pecans. Pour into pastry shell; garnish with pecan halves.

Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until filling is set. Yield: 19 min. pie.
Blackeyed Peas with Rice
2 slices bacon
1 medium onion, chopped
1 (15-oz.) can blackeyed peas, drained
1 (14-1/2 oz.) can stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 cup cooked regular rice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Cook bacon in a large skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Sauté onion in drippings until tender. Spoon mixture into 1-1/2 qt. casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Garnish with reserved bacon. Yield: 6 servings.

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Stan Windham-County Extension Agent

Farm news from Stan

UNDERSTANDING SOILS AND FERTILITY

It doesn't matter where you live in Coffee County or the surrounding Wiregrass area; whether you grow things in your yard, such as flowers, trees, shrubs; or farm thousands of acres, you must do one thing to have successful crops or landscapes - that is manage your soil and fertility.

I have found that in working with farmers and homeowners many of the problems they encounter are due to soil management and also a lack of understanding of soil management.

Naturally, farmers do a much better job in understanding and managing their soil than many homeowners mainly because their living depends on it. In the next few paragraphs I would like to talk about some terms you may encounter in reading or dealing with the soil in your particular situation and explain these terms so that you might better understand soil management.

One term you will hear quite often in the southeast part of the nation is **acid soil**. This is the soil that has a pH below 7. Seven on a pH scale is considered to be a neutral point. Therefore most crops, especially legume type crops such as soybeans, peanuts and clovers, do not thrive in severely acid soil.

Most homeowners and farmers need to maintain a soil level of around 5.8 or better up to around 7.0 to have successful growing plants and crops in Coffee County.

The most practical range seems to be from about 5.8 to around 6.5. To try to line your soil to get it any higher than this many times costs more than it will return.

Another term you will hear is **alkaline soil**. We do not have a lot of alkaline soil in the Wiregrass that I know of. This is the opposite of an acid soil. This soil has a pH value greater than 7.0 and is usually above 7.3 on the pH scale. We should not ever have to worry about this particular problem in our area.

Another term you hear a great deal about and many homeowners are concerned about is **aeration**. This is a process by which air in the soil is replenished by air in the atmosphere.

In a well-aerated soil the soil air and the atmosphere are able to mix in composition. Poorly aerated soils have a much higher percentage of carbon dioxide and a lower percentage of oxygen. Most soils that have this problem are found in yards with a heavy thatch content or a very heavy clay content where the soil is tight and doesn't allow a lot of water or air movement into it.

Fertilizer is another term that most folks are familiar with. There are basically two types you can get: one is an organic fertilizer and the other is inorganic.

Organic is simply manure and is not readily available to a plant. Organic fertilizer must first be broken down by the bacteria in the soil to where it can be utilized by a plant.

Inorganic fertilizer, on the other hand, such as is bought in bags from various stores, is readily available to the plant once it dissolves or gets into the soil.

Fertilizer analysis is another common term and something many of you may use but not understand. For example, a fertilizer with an 8-8-8 analysis contains 8 percent available phosphoric acid or what some people call P₂O₅ and 8 percent water soluble potash or K₂O.

Some will even contain some minor elements and they will be listed on the fertilizer bag. This would be true if you have a 6-12-6 fertilizer - it would be 6 percent nitrogen, 12 percent phosphorus or P₂O₅ and 6 percent potash or K₂O.

Still another term you hear quite often here in the southern part of the state due to our heavy clay base is **hardpan**. Basically this is a hardened or cemented layer below the surface of the soil.

This won't affect a shallow root crop in many cases, but shrubs, trees and field crops will be greatly affected by a hardpan, and it should be broken up to have any success in growing whatever you have planted.

Organic matter is simply plant and animal material that is in any stage of decomposition or, in other words, rotting plant and animal material.

Organic matter is important to the nutritional level of a plant for holding water in the soil and providing some kind of structure or stability to the soil you are working in.

Many homeowners will buy some form of manure or peat moss and all they are really buying is partially rotted organic matter.

These are just some of the terms you may encounter if you are an avid landscaper or gardener, and of course all farmers are familiar and interested in these terms.

Hopefully, by understanding

Angela Hughes-County Extension Agent

Feeding wild birds can be joyful

FEED BIRDS THIS WINTER

While birds will visit feeders year-round, more people choose to feed during fall and winter months when food is more limited.

Choose your feeders based on the birds you wish to attract. Covered platform feeders will allow several birds to feed at one time and may be favored by larger birds such as cardinals and blue jays. Hanging feeders with perches are more attractive to smaller birds such as goldfinches and chickadees. Don't forget suet feeders for those birds that aren't attracted to seed feeders.

Keep all feeders clean. Wash regularly with a soap and water solution, rinse thoroughly. Wipe perches and seed ports with a soapy solution using a clean damp cloth to remove the soap, or use a mild bleach-and-water solution daily. This will help prevent diseases from spreading among the birds at your feeding stations.

Remember different birds prefer different types of seed. Sunflower seeds will attract many types of birds, but why not try offering some special treats as well. Finches love tiny thistle seeds, and most songbirds prefer black oil sunflower seeds.

Some birds enjoy fresh fruits; you can offer wedges of orange or apple occasionally. Cracked corn can be a real treat for many birds, including morning doves.

Whatever seed you offer at your feeders, make sure it is fresh, dry and free of mold; moldy seed can make birds sick. Also, it should be free of trash. Trash, such as stems or leaf parts, can clog tube feeders.

Don't worry about sand, dirt or small pebbles you may find mixed with feed. This "grit" helps toothless birds grind their food.

Crushed eggshells added to feed do the same thing, and also can provide additional calcium to a bird's diet. This is especially important prior to the early spring nesting and egg-laying season.

Be sure to provide birds with a water source in addition to food this winter. Whether you use a bird bath or a simple plastic pot saucer, be sure to replace the water regularly with fresh.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning along with the timber cutting.

This can be important if you feel your heirs will have to pay inheritance tax. To help pay those taxes it may be better if the timber is sold by them rather than by you.

Inheritance tax experts can help you determine the best time to sell the timber as it relates to inheritance taxes and your overall estate planning.

When selling timber, most of the things you must do relating to taxes are easy and not a problem. It is simply one area that you need to consider before you sell your timber.

Let me suggest the following schedule of events that may help you as it relates to taxes and timber.

1. Get a qualified cruise of the timber.
2. Consider how you will market the timber and handle the sale. You may want to use a forestry consultant to handle all the details your sale, but line this up prior to issuing notice that you are going to sell the timber.
3. Do not send out notices to just a few people. Send notices to a large area of timber buyers. You never know who is going to give you the best price.

4. Contact your tax consultant and talk over the tax situation relating to inheritance, estate planning, and what you will have to pay upon sale of timber.

If you have any further questions concerning timber management, please feel free to give us a call at 894-5596 or the Coffee County Forestry Commission at 894-6734. Staff at either of these offices will be more than happy to give you advice as it relates to timber sales.

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Traditional MLK Day celebration held in New Brockton

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The cool January morning (temperatures in the mid-40s) with a brisk northerly wind blowing in New Brockton, AL did not deter the 70 to

80 individuals' celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Celebration of the late Dr. King's birthday has become an annual event in the small town centrally located in Coffee County.



BEGINNING WITH A SONG... Martin Luther King Day celebrants, prior to beginning the march through downtown New Brockton, began the day's events by singing several songs.

Elba's Native Son Bob Inman featured speaker at chamber's annual banquet

The annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1998.

The guest speaker for the event will be novelist and screenwriter Robert "Bob" Inman.

Inman is a native of Elba where he began his writing career in junior high school with his hometown newspaper, *The Elba Clipper*.

He left a 31-year career as a television journalist in June of 1996 to devote full time to writing.

Inman's third novel, *Dairy Queen Days*, published by Little Brown and Company was released in December, 1997. His two previous novels, *Home Fires Burning* (1978) and *Old Dogs and Children* (1991) received the "Outstanding Fiction Award" from the Alabama Library Association.

Home Fires Burning was named one of the best books of 1978 by *The Philadelphia Enquirer*.

Inman's Sunday column appears in *The Charlotte Observer*.

Inman began his career as a screenwriter by adapting his first novel as a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation, *Home Fires Burning*, shown on CBS-TV in 1989 and won a Silver Medal from the Houston Film Festival.

He has also written *A Son's Promise* (ABC, 1991), *Cries from The Heart* (CBS, 1994), *My Son Is Innocent* (ABC, 1996), and *Family Blessings* (CBS, 1997).

Inman's original screenplay, *The Summer of Ben Tyler*, was a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation on CBS-TV in December, 1996.

The banquet will be in the Commons Area of Elba High School beginning with a reception honoring the Chamber's officers, board of directors, past presidents and the guest speaker at 6:00 p.m.

Following the reception, at 6:30 there will be a book signing by Inman, and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Chamber's goal is to have more than a hundred members in 1998.

For additional information concerning the banquet contact the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

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Bob Inman

NEWS BRIEF

Last Sunday morning, around 7:30 a.m., the Elba Nursing Home had an unusual and uninvited guest. An eight-point buck broke the glass in the front door of the main lobby.

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Each year the event begins with a march from the vacant Warren Smith High School that was once an all-black school. This year was no different.

The small but enthusiastic crowd gathered at the school building which is located on a street now named in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

After singing several songs which were reminiscent of the 50s and 60s when Dr. King was leading marches throughout the country, the group proceeded up Martin Luther King Drive to Ansley Street and then down main street on to Church Street. The march concluded at Greater Springfield Baptist Church on East McGowan Street.

Those who could not walk road in a bus and cars followed the march. Participants were both young and old.

One of the participants in the day's event was Clarence Cole, principal of New Brockton Elementary School. He also serves as a councilman on the New Brockton Town Council.

Cole, a life-long resident of New Brockton, remembers when things were not always as they are now.

He stated that the struggle in human rights has come a long way but there is still a ways to go yet.

Cole commented that in a way, he is living Dr. King's dream. He is a principal of an elementary school, a member of the town council, and a leader in the community who is highly respected by all races.

Coffee County's new at-large jury venire law is not completely dead

The law passed by the Alabama Legislature creating a county-wide jury venire for Coffee County is not dead yet.

In November of 1997, the Alabama Supreme Court, after a lower court ruling had been appealed, ruled that the 1996 legislative act creating a county-wide jury venire was unconstitutional.

Representative Garrett Moore had introduced the bill which created one jury pool for the county. Under the present system, prospective jurors are drawn from two pools - one from residents of the Enterprise Division and the other from persons residing in the Elba Division.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor has requested the high court to review its earlier ruling.

According to reports, Pryor's appeal points out that the new law is not in conflict with any general law.

Three capital murder trials to be held in Enterprise within the year

Three men are soon to be tried on capital murder charges in Enterprise, AL.

Michael Lee Glass, 19, of Enterprise pled not guilty to capital murder charges in the death of Tonnie Smith, 19, of Enterprise. He was arraigned last Thursday for the 1996 slaying.

Smith was an upstairs neighbor of Glass' in an apartment complex at 100 Anthony Circle in Enterprise. On the day of his arrest, Glass escaped from police; however, he was recaptured the following day.

Glass is scheduled to be tried during the March term of criminal jury court.

In an unrelated case, Marcus Antonio Jones, 26, of Daleville, AL, and Kassey Bernard Reedy, 25, of Enterprise both pled not guilty to capital murder charges during arraignment proceedings on Thursday.

Both Reedy and Jones are charged with capital murder in the shooting death of Ronald Howard Jenkins in July of 1997.

Jenkins, an assistant manager at a local grocery store, was robbed and shot to death while making a night deposit at Regions Bank in downtown Enterprise.

Circuit Judge Robert Barr, who presided over the arraignment proceeding of Jones (Reedy waived his right to an arraignment and entered his not guilty plea by waiver), set no trial date for both men.

He stated that it would be 8 to 9 months before either could be tried due to the number of motions involved in a capital murder case.

Also, all three cases could be affected by the county-wide jury venire law which is still before the courts.

Should any of the three men be tried and found guilty of capital murder, they could face the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Bob Inman will be the speaker at the Elba Chamber of Commerce annual meeting Saturday night. Here is a hometown boy who "did good." He has written several books, even made the "best books" list of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for one of them. His career has taken several turns, but Bob was successful each time. He has worked in television, radio, government, published books, Hollywood screenplays, raised two children and of course written for newspapers as his career soared. Want one of his books, to talk with him or just shake Bob Inman's hand...call the Chamber of Commerce for a ticket and we will see you there Saturday night. Bob will have his pen inked and ready to autograph any of his books. The Chamber will have some for sale that night also.

If you are reading this before six a.m. Thursday morning, be advised Supreme Court Justice Terry Butts is scheduled to be on TV at 6 a.m. We understand the former Elba resident will be on the show *Good Morning Montgomery*. If you missed it, sorry, we only got the word out on Monday of this week.

There is a minor flap in Britain over the fees being charged by lawyers representing the Princess Di Memorial Fund. Observers swallowed hard when the first bill for 300,000 pounds showed up (that is a half million dollars). Then those English folks started getting hostile with their bannisters (lawyers) when another bill for \$200,000 pounds was presented. The lawyers defended their action. "We're working at a loss." That is what the British newspapers are reporting.

Another British newspaper reports on complaints by a 22 year old mother with a six month old baby. It seems she parked her car in a no parking zone. Upon coming out of a store, she saw the car about to be towed away and asked the police officer if she could get a bottle of milk out of the car for the baby. "That wasn't his problem" is what her official complaint quoted him as saying. You young mothers remember that if you are going to Glasgow, England. Oh yes, we worded this in American English, the British newspapers called the mother a "young mum" and the policeman a "copper."

Senator John Glenn, age 76, is about to take a ride on a space ship in October. Actually, he has been before, being the first man to orbit the earth, way back yonder when Rover was a pup. Don't count us gray haired folks out yet, we still have our fire in the furnace, even though there is snow on the mountain, or in the case of Glenn there isn't much hair on his head at all, gray or otherwise.

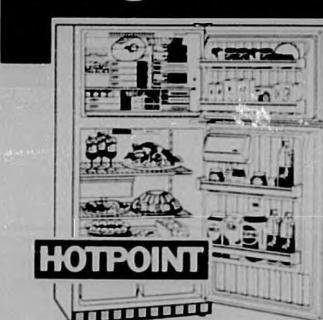
It looks great on Saturdays to look across the street and see so many people participating in city sponsored recreational activities. The cars parked in front of the old Reserve Center indicate a lot of parents have turned out with their youngsters for scheduled basketball games. Then outside there are the youngsters too enjoying the swings and see saws and picnic tables which were recently installed. They start early in the morning and stay busy all day long.

Our predictions of "something for everyone" being proposed in the election year session of the Alabama legislature is holding true. It could more than double the state's debt load if approved as first proposed. Interest rates are very low and bonds would go at attractive rates, but at any rate, someone must repay...just ask any of the folks who borrowed that "cheap" SBA disaster money after the 1990 Elba flood. 4% interest sounds real good and is much better than 8% or 10%, but monthly payments continue to come around on a regular basis regardless of the interest rate. The same will hold true on state bond issues for schools, highways, parks or whatever. Hopefully, the Alabama legislature will not offer us bond issues totaling anywhere near the amount on the table this week. Then, if they do so for their own political gain, maybe a majority of the voters of Alabama will wake up and smell the roses before approving such huge borrowing to be passed on for our children and grandchildren to repay.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 12 Thru 18, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 12, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two criminal mischiefs, one forgery, two harassing communications, two thefts, four harassments, one gas spill, one broken windshield, one DUI, one suspended driver's license, one burglary, one menacing, and one shooting (dog).

No arrests were made during the week.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: two for DUI, nine for speeding, and one for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 12 - River stage - 11.36 feet (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run (New Bremen, Rescue Squad) to a residence on Parker Street (2:55 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence on Parker Street (4:15 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:08 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 - River stage - 10.25 feet (6:05 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hickman Avenue (5:29 p.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to wreck on Hickman Avenue (5:29 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Lee Street (7:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 - River stage - 9.55 feet (6:23 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 - River stage - 9.53 feet (7:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 13, 1997 through January 19, 1998. They were: Ann Dewberry, Justin English, Frankie Hartzog, Joseph Koch, Yvonne Daniels, Allison Carney, Elizabeth Bass, Patricia Sorrells, Isiah Wilkerson, Chuck Hood, Nancy Wicker, Brandi Summerlin, Jill Inghart, Sloan Cotter, Winnie James, Gwendolyn Rayborn, James Clark, Dallas Harbuck, Mary McCormick, Caleb Davis, Thomas Davis, Randy Hartley, Rebecca Stinson, Sherri Manning, Myron Williams, Joseph Golden, Lucille Bowdoin, Barbara Turner, Charles Jones, Dorothy Hussey, Novali Chavis, and Lawrence Davis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Nancy Wicker, Joseph Koch, Chuck Hood, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Randy Hartley, Elizabeth Bass, Billy Gibbs, Christopher Summerlin, Lillian Pynes, Wade McWaters, Ethel Nolin, Ann Dewberry, Susan Sanders, Henry Chestnut, Shirley Johnson, Cynthia Lewis, Marilyn Byrd, Frankie Hartzog, Justin English, Don Spivey, Carol Harbuck, Dorothy Hussey, Ethel Abernombie, Allison

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett



More Top Tax Changes for New Year

Last week, we began a look at the top ten tax changes for Americans in the new year. We covered the new \$400 a child tax credit for families; education tax relief; and lower taxes on capital gains, including no capital gains taxes on home sales for the first \$500,000 of gain for joint filers.

This week, we'll continue with the rest of the top tax law changes affecting taxpayers in 1998.

Individual Retirement Accounts will be available to more Americans as the qualifying thresholds are now raised. In 1997, joint filers qualified for IRAs if their adjusted gross income was below a phase-out range of \$40,000-\$50,000. In 1998, the new phase-out range will increase to \$50,000-\$60,000.

The current \$25,000-\$35,000 phase-out range for single filers will also increase to \$30,000-\$40,000. Taxpayers will be allowed a tax deductible contribution of up to \$2,000 for these traditional IRA accounts.

For 1998, a new IRA is created (the Roth IRA) which allows tax-free withdrawals for joint filers with adjusted gross incomes below the phase-out range of \$150,000-\$160,000. Single filers before the phase-out range of \$95,000-\$110,000 also qualify. Annual non tax deductible contributions up to \$2,000 a year are allowed.

Relief from Death Taxes will be expanded in the new year. The current \$600,000 exemption from death taxes is increased to \$625,000 in 1998, and will be expanded further to \$1 million by the year 2006. For small family farms and businesses, the current \$600,000 exemption will

increase to \$1.3 million.

Health Care will be made more affordable to the nation's more than three million small business persons who will now be able to deduct 45% of the cost of their health insurance premiums. This is an increase of 5% over the 1997 level. This deduction will increase to 100% by the year 2007.

Seniors Keep More of Their Money as those between the ages of 65 and 69 will be able to earn up to \$14,500 without losing any of their Social Security benefits. This is an increase of \$1,000 over 1997. This limit will increase to \$30,000 by 2002.

Tax Relief for Charities and Volunteers will be expanded in 1998. Under the new law, the 12 cents-a-mile tax deduction for out-of-pocket, charitable travel of \$1,000 or more is increased to 14 cents-a-mile.

Tax Relief and Simplification for Small Businesses will be significant in the new year. The alternative minimum tax on small corporations with less than \$5 million in sales is repealed. This eliminates one of the tax code's most cumbersome and complicated provisions.

Tax Simplification for Children will take effect in 1998. By adding \$250 to the standard deduction for dependents and by increasing the alternative minimum tax exemption for children under the age of fourteen, 1.2 million fewer tax returns will be filed each year for children who earn small amounts of money working in after-school and summer jobs.

Contest winners at Coffee County Adult Daycare Center named



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Benefits approved for Opp workers

Current or former employees of the federal Trade Act of 1974, Sweett's Preface, Inc., located in the plant produces men's and women's jeans.

A petition filed on behalf of these workers was approved by the U.S. Dept. of Labor on Aug. 21, 1997. The petition was amended on Dec. 19, 1997, to include workers of GSC Management Company who provided the management and office support staff to Sweett's Preface, according to an announcement by Dottie Blair Cieszyński, director of the Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations.

The U.S. Dept. of Labor found that the workers have been or may become unemployed as a result of increased imports. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after May 5, 1996, and before Dec. 19, 1999.

Under the Trade Act of 1974, displaced workers may be eligible for subsidized vocational training, job search assistance, and relocation allowances.

If they have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly payments equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs.

Former employees of the Opp plant who are eligible for benefits under the program will be notified in writing by the Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations as soon as they are identified.

The notification will inform them of how to apply for benefits and services.

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AREA DEATHS

REFINA GRIMES NEWTON
Mrs. Refina Grimes Newton, age 76, of Ozark, died Jan. 18, 1998, in Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Dean Allerhagen officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: John B. Newton, Ozark; one son: Roy Grimes, Elba; three stepdaughters: Kathy Daniels, Dothan; Robert Oliver, Enterprise; Nana Bosler, Colorado Springs, Col.; three sisters: Royce Howard, Audrey Smith and Annette Knight, all of Elba; three grandchildren.

MERLE CARPENTER

Mrs. Merle Carpenter, age 76, of

Southwest Alabama Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Revs. Richard

Moss and Wayne Webber officiating.

Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Carpenter was preceded in death by her husband, Dock Carpen-

ter. Survivors include two daughters: Helen Melega, Westley Chapel, Fla.; Marie Carpenter, Birmingham; two sons: Frank Carpenter, Tallahassee, Fla.; and Billy Carpenter, Greenville, Ala.; two sisters: Pearl Carpenter, Elba, and Gladys Barlow, Brantley; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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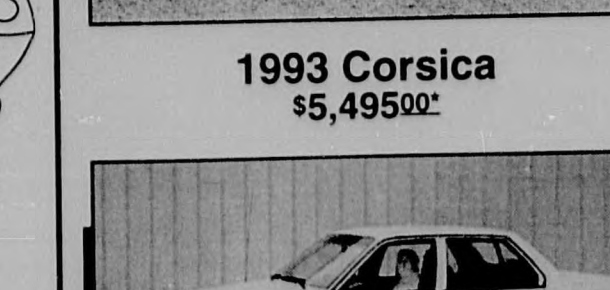
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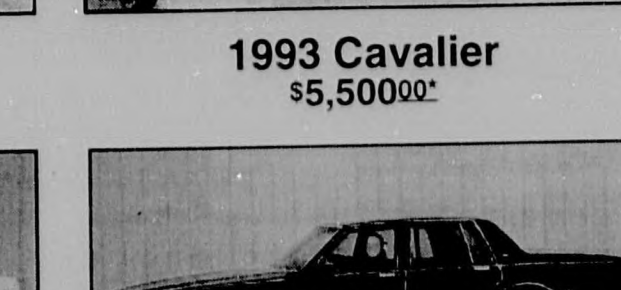
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Socials and Community News

Lynn Baker speaks to Twentieth Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club met Jan. 8 at the Elba Public Library for the regular monthly meeting. Hostesses Jane Hudson and Debra Samuel served coffee and delicious dessert to the 12 members and guest.

Vice president Peggy Stroud led the group in the Club Collect and welcomed guest speaker Lynn Baker, who gave the program on "Creative Memories," a way to preserve and arrange family pictures in a book. Mrs. Baker displayed illustrations and samples of the art.

A business meeting followed. Members present were Doris Cooper, Judy Eastburn, Angela Forrester, Peggy Glover, Joan Jacobs, Anne Miles, Debra Samuel, Peggy Stroud, Grace Taylor, Elaine Thompson, Betty Vaughn and Ella Jean Vaughn.

Prayer To St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times; by the 8th day prayer will be answered. Say it for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude.

B.R.

Three-In-One Study Club hears Mayor Grimes

The January meeting of the Three-In-One Study Club was held in the Elba City Library.

Mrs. Corinne Lowery was hostess and served a delicious dessert to members and the guest, Elba Mayor James Grimes.

Mrs. Erma Warr gave the devotional.

Mayor Grimes spoke on Elba city government, and the work of each

department.

Mrs. Wilson Newman presided during the business session.

Mrs. Neal Jackson will be hostess for the February meeting.

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Corene Daniels retiring from Elba Nursing Home

Mrs. Corene Daniels will be retiring from the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home at the end of January.

Mrs. Daniels has been employed at Elba General for 31 years.



Katie Lee

Moses Lee is six years old

Moses Lee celebrated his sixth birthday on Dec. 3, 1997, with a party at Fuddrucker's.

Joining him on this special day were his parents, Angie and Vaughn Lee, his sister Katie, and other friends.

Moses is a Kindergarten in Ms. Nash's class at Tubbs Elementary School in Lubbock, Texas.

He is the grandson of Mable Lee and the great-grandson of Bernice Griswold, both of Elba.

Jordan receives degree from University of AL

The University of Alabama awarded Jordan 1200 degrees at winter commencement exercises held in December on the Tuscaloosa campus, and among those receiving degrees was **Beverly Flowers Jordan** of Jack.

Mrs. Jordan received a BED degree.

Katie Lee celebrates first birthday recently

Katie Lee celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 23, 1997, at her home in Lubbock, Texas.

Enjoying the party with Katie were her brother, Moses, and parents, Angie and Vaughn Lee.

Also joining the celebration was her grandmother, Mable Lee of Elba.

Katie is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bernice Griswold of Elba.

Azalea Garden Club meets in the home of Mrs. Walter Cox

The Azalea Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter Cox on Jan. 14.

District VII Director, Ann Daniels, gave a talk on her job as director.

Yard-of-the-Month was awarded to Scott and Sabrina Kelly on Woodland Drive.

Members present were Judy Eastburn, Martha Girdner, Evelyn Holliman, Ruth Inman, Carol Jackson, Iva

McCreary, Betty Rogers, Diana Phillips, Betty Vaughn and Annie Laura Wright.

Samson club member Bobbie Rohmy was also a guest at the meeting.

Bellingrath Gardens Exhibits winter wonderland

During January and February, Bellingrath Gardens and Home come alive with a "Winter Wonderland" of beauty.

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The year-round blooming schedule provides intricate ornamental kale and cabbage, pansies, camellias, as well as a display of tropicals in the 1930's Conservatory.

In mid to late February, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths announce the

coming of Spring.

The Gardens are open 8 a.m. - dusk each day; the Home - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (near Mobile, I-10, Exit 15A).

For more information call 334-973-2217.

Robyn Rhoades selected to Who's Who

Robyn M. Rhoades of Elba recently was selected as "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges" from Auburn University.

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The cards, flowers, and food were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
THE WOODS FAMILY
1-22-19p

Sincere Appreciation Expressed

The family of **JAMES CLINTON STEWART** wish to express our deepest thanks to each of you for your expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

Whether you sent a card, flowers, food, called or visited, we are sincerely grateful.

God bless each of you.

**HILMA STEWART
LINDA HUDSON
MELINDA & REX STEWART
JEANETTE & CECIL CODY
LEROY & CLAUDIE MAE STEWART**
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March For Jesus Training Day set for January 24

The 1998 March for Jesus will take place May 30, and to prepare for this event, a State Leadership Training Day will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Site of the training will be Briarwood Presbyterian Church chapel, located off Acton Road on I-459 south of Birmingham, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March for Jesus calls Christians of all races, ages and denominations into the streets one day each year to celebrate what Jesus has done and to ask God's blessings on our cities.

The 1998 theme is "A Choir of Millions for an Audience of One."

For a detailed brochure, write: March for Jesus, P.O. Box 381132, Birmingham, AL 35238-1132.

Those interested may call 205/664-7879, or e-mail Steve Cole, state representative, at "sc01@quicklink.net".

There is a small registration fee which includes a syllabus and lunch. Pre-registration is advised to assure lunch and materials.

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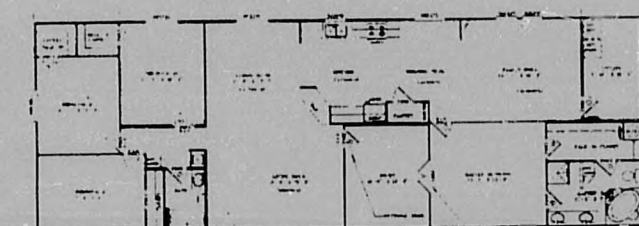
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Master and Mistress of Ceremony - Brother and Sister Melvin Cross; processional - Rocky Head Ensemble; Welcome and Occasion - Sister Paul Culver; offering - Brothers Freddie Culver, David Carpenter and Mark Henderson; intermission - Union Baptist, Brundidge Spiritual Jubilees.

Mrs. Debbie Williams Bright, Macon, Ga., is visiting her parents, J.L. and Estella Williams of Elba. She is the wife of Rev. Emmitt W. Bright and they have two children: Matthew, 7 and Shyla, 4.

They are members of Christ Temple Church, Macon

VICA Spotlight



This week's VICA spotlight focused on Deana Gifford and Tawanna Rodgers, employees at Hardie's.

Deana is the daughter of Martha Gifford and Arthur Gifford and is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of the Journalism staff, FBLA, SGA, and VICA. Her hobbies include reading, writing poems, and being with friends.

After high school, Deana plans to attend the University of South Alabama and major in medicine.

Tawanna is the daughter of Tammy Rodgers and is a senior at Elba High School. She is a member of the Journalism staff, SGA, VICA, Sr. Beta, and FBLA where she serves as reporter. Her hobbies include reading, talking on the phone, and being with friends.

After high school, Tawanna plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham or Tuskegee University and major in occupational therapy.

Elba Elementary School Menus

Jan. 26 - 30, 1998

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Chili, French Fries, Half Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Applesauce, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Fric, Whole Kernel Corn, Roll, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Half Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Peach Half, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Banana, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast, Waffles, Juice, Milk	Friday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Students Travel To Washington D. C.

by Misty Kelley

During the next few months, five Elba High School seniors will travel to Washington, D.C. for Presidential Classroom. Over the course of their week-long trip the students will take part in seminars presented by leaders from each branch of government, and also will hear from speakers representing the military, media, and lobbying organizations.

The students will also experience a tour of the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, and several other monuments, and will attend briefings of the House and Senate.

The students will take a behind-the-scenes look at our country's government through seminars, sessions, and caucus meetings where they will discuss many civic issues.

Misty Kelley and Bonnie Vaughan will attend Presidential Classroom the week of January 24-31. Heather DeBose, Brandie Mann, and Elizabeth Strong will travel to the capitol the week of February 28-March 7.



Misty, Brandie, Bonnie, Heather, & Elizabeth

The girls will be lodged at the Marriott in Georgetown University Center along with other students from across the United States.

Tiger Tales



ANNA HEAD
Editor
ELIZABETH STRONG
Assistant Editor

Johnson All State Defense

Sports writers from around the state closely watch our football athletes each year. When it is their time to reach a decision on "Who is the star?" they vote based on the young man's overall performance.

This year the "star" is none other than an Elba Tiger. Wesley Johnson, #82, was named 3A All State in Defense. This 6'2", 200-pound, 18-year-old young man had an outstanding performance with 88 tackles, 9 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 3 defensive touchdowns, and 2 interceptions.

Wesley was just recently informed of his membership of the Super Twelve.

This was Wesley's last year playing football for the Elba Tigers. This honor is going to help him tremendously in his football career. We are proud of you!

Happy Valentines Day

by Shea Free

It is about that time again! Have you thought about what you want for Valentine's Day? If you have not, then you better hurry. Here are a few students' request for Valentines Day.

Telesha Daniels - Lots of love from my boyfriend, Tim, and maybe a rose or two.

Laura Crowe - All I want is for there not to be a basketball game on V-Day!

Eric Jordan - A box of chocolates.

Elizabeth Stephens - Clay standing at my front door with a dozen roses!

Derrick Duncan - I wanna see my dream girl, "RUPAL".

Kent Mitchell - I want to play football and see my baby.

Shanille Rowe - I just want to spend Valentine's day with my baby!

Van Smith - A kiss will do!

Diana Jackson - A date with Garth Brooks.

Emily Bryan - Daniel Johns

Conny Cooper - A man

Tony Holloman - Somebody to be nice to me.

Amber Norris - Money

Tahisha Schultz - Roses

Julie Fuller - Roses and chocolate

Paige Bryan - My boyfriend and roses.

Ben Purvis - Chocolate covered cherries.

Malissa Welch - Red and white roses.

Tawanna Rodgers - Gary Davis

Jason Sasser - Sarah Michelle Geller

Corey Jackson - A teddy bear

GO TIGERS!

WELCOME

English Class Writes Riddles

by Tawanna Rodgers

On January 6, 1998, Mrs. Tucker assigned her second block, Advanced English, class with what they thought was a difficult task. She told each student to write a riddle of at least six lines. Each student was to pick a topic and give clues to support that topic. It was not only a great learning experience, but was also a very fun activity. The following are samples of some of the riddles. Can you guess them?

When 10,000 places I do see,
Around the world and back again
Who knows, I might belong to one of your kin
From make-up to jewels, to shoes, and clothes,
These things are mine and no one knows.

It's art but not looked at,
It speaks without saying a word,
It's bold but not noticeable, it's different but all the same, it takes forever to create but a minute to pass by,
It can be felt and also heard.

(Answers: suitcase, love, tree, true color, music)

by Elizabeth Strong

Capturing me at their first sight,
Guide to pairs in the twilight,
You have many made blind, You are so powerful, yet kind,
Gentle is your light touch, Your gifts are valued so very much.

Bonding pairs to make a whole,
Your presence resonates from the bottom of the soul,
Yours is the only power that flows true,
But still to be determined, "Who Are you?"

by Van Smith

Standing tall watching over nature like a hawk watches her nest,
Changing with the seasons, she provides shelter for many.

Used by man protected by others, Mother of all books stand alone,
Why? Only the rings of time can tell.

by Julian Mitchell

by Deana Gifford

The Varsity Athletics Program at Elba High School gladly welcomed the addition of a girl's Varsity team. The girls were a little shaky at the start but with their practice and dedication they have overcome their adversity. When the following players were asked how they felt about the team and their record their comments are as follows:

Amber Frederick - "It's been hard considering that this is our first year. Coach Camley has taught us to play and practice as a team, to win together and lose together. I just hope we go out and do our best to make it sub-state."

Telesha Daniels - "I feel we have a lot of things we need to work on. We're doing pretty well under the circumstances that we're a first year program, but that's not an excuse."

Lindsey Jarred - "I think that our season has gone well up to this point. We are 4-9, and no one expected us to win a game. We are lacking in number, which makes it difficult to rest in games. I just hope we can keep improving, and go to sub-state at the end of the season."

The Elba Varsity would like to congratulate the girls' Varsity team for coming out and working hard. We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming games. Go Fight! Win! Lady Tigers!

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Groundwater Simulation

Michele Sawyer and Mandi Batchelor

A Groundwater Simulation System was purchased for the use of the members of the Environmental Science class, under the supervision of Mrs. Jackie Jirring.

Mrs. Jirring was able to purchase the system after obtaining a grant. The purpose of this system is to show the students how groundwater is vital to the water cycle.

Groundwater is water contained in saturated soil and rock materials below the surface of the earth. Groundwater, however, is not new water; it is "re-cycled" water.

The source of groundwater is precipitation. When rain falls on the surface of the ground, some of it runs off to the land into lakes and streams, and some soaks into the ground. Groundwater is stored underground.

The model in Mrs. Jirring's classroom has two aquifers, which are underground units of soil or rock which can yield a significant quantity of groundwater to wells. The first is an unconfined aquifer of fine, light-colored sand with small areas of interbedded sand and gravel. The second is a confined aquifer of coarser sand and gravel. The aquifers are separated by a darker layer containing clay. The whole system is encased in a thin, rectangular box and looks somewhat like an art form.

In many areas, a large percentage of the residents depend on groundwater for their drinking water. Groundwater is also called "our buried treasure". Groundwater comes to us from no more than a few miles away. It can enter the ground to lower areas, such as streams or lakes, where it surfaces. Wells are used to draw water from the ground. If there are pollution sources nearby, this valuable water may become contaminated.

Water can dissolve more substances in greater quantities than any other liquid. It is also a vital resource for all living things and some believe that life itself originated in it.

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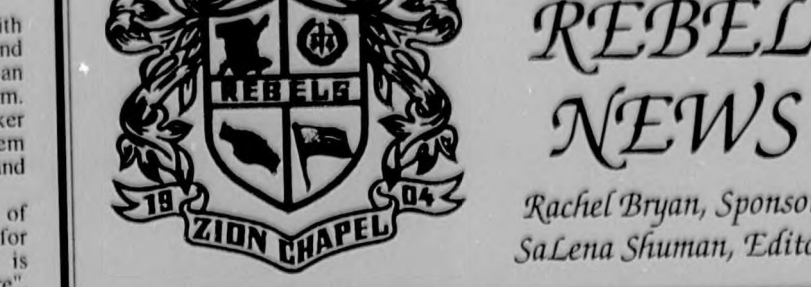
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Hall In TSU Honor Band

by Danielle Richards

ZC Band member Tessa Hall was accepted as a member of the Southeastern United States Honor Band. About a month ago any member of the ZC Band, or other bands in the Southeastern United States, that desired to audition for this honor band recorded an audition tape. This tape consisted of at least five major scales, a chromatic scale, and a prepared piece. This tape was sent to Troy State along with a biography consisting of their past musical experience.

The judges listened to the tapes and read the biographies. Using this information they were able to choose enough members to create two separate bands. These bands will assemble together during the weekend of February 6-7. Each band will do a separate performance at the concert.

When Tessa arrives on February 6 she will have to try out for her chair position as well as the other accepted members of the honor band. The honor band members will also meet for a banquet before the concert to receive participation certificates.

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It wasn't the best weeks to be a pet in the Mularz house, as three of the fish the girls got for Christmas died early in the week, and then Saturday morning one of their birds that had been around for a couple of years passed away. I can assure you the fish and bird will be replaced; however, it is always hard on a youngster when one of their pets dies. Maybe last week's events will make them appreciate their pets more as they grow older.

ELBA TIGERS ENJOY SUCCESSFUL HOMESTAND

The Elba Tigers closed out their four-game homestand Friday night with a big win over SA Hillcrest, and in doing so closed out the four-game stretch with a 3-1 mark, quite an accomplishment for the Tigers of Coach Marion Johnston. The Tigers entered the homestand with a 5-3 record, and really weren't playing all that well, but they regained their early-season intensity on their home court and posted wins over Florala, Headland and Hillcrest, while losing only to Clayton, to improve their record for the season to 8-4. Back during the holidays I wrote that the Tigers would have a hard time winning three more games against the teams left on their schedule, but they proved me wrong in the span of two short weeks, and all of a sudden have Elba fans looking forward to the post-season tournament and a possible trip to sub-state, and beyond.

Coach Johnston stated that the Tigers may have played their worst game of the season in the loss to Clayton, but they certainly got back on the coach's good side last week with the big wins over Headland and Hillcrest. The Rams came to town with a #7 ranking in the state and were one win away from clinching the area title, but the Tigers weren't impressed, and staged one of their patented second half surges to pull out the win in double-overtime. The win got everyone in attendance excited, and after the final buzzer, the students in the crowd stormed the court to congratulate the players. It was a site that had not been seen in Elba for many years, but one that showed just how much the students support the Tigers, and how excited they are about the team's success. The win over SA Hillcrest was also a very big win, as the Jaguars came to town fresh off a big win over highly-touted Andalusia, only to fall to the Tigers and their aggressive style of play. The win over Hillcrest proved that the win over Headland was not a fluke, and made a statement to everyone left on Elba's schedule that the Tigers will be a hard team to defeat, no matter where the game is played.

The success of the Tigers this season has come about through the hard work of Coach Johnston and his players, and I'm sure the first-year Tiger coach isn't about to let his team forget what it took to get where they are now. The team works as hard day in and day out as any team around, and the results are more wins than many thought possible before the year started. Keep up the good work, and keep working hard to win a bunch more games. It is fun to see the excitement back with Elba Tiger basketball.

AREA CAGE TEAMS KEEP ROLLING ALONG

The high school basketball season is rolling along down the home stretch, and for the teams in the area it looks like all four teams have a real shot at advancing to post-season action. Here's a quick look back at what is happening around the area.

BRANTLEY (12-1) has reached the #1 spot in the Class 1A rankings, and Coach Tony Stallworth's Bulldogs might just have a shot at adding another state title to their already crowded trophy case. The Bulldogs have size and quickness, and when they stay out of foul trouble and are shooting well, they can beat anybody on their schedule. The only question about the 'Dogs is the toughness of their schedule. In years past when Brantley won state titles they had played some of the best teams around, regardless of class. This year, however, the Bulldogs have stayed in their class, and Brantley might not be as far along as the championship teams of years ago. Only time will tell, but I'm sure Coach Stallworth will have his troops ready when the tournament rolls along.

NEW BROCKTON (10-9) continued to be one of the hardest teams to figure out in the local area. One night the Gamecocks will play like gangbusters and pull off a big win, then the next night out they will revert to a slow-down style and take it on the chin. Coach Keith Thrasher has proven over the years that he knows what is best for his young team. However, the Gamecock fans are still waiting for their team to develop a style of their own, and not play each and every game in a style designed for just that one night. Maybe by the end of the regular season the Gamecocks will discover what they do best, and make a run at a title.

ZION CHAPEL (5-8) has to be one of the most dangerous 5-8 teams in the state, in any class. The Rebels of Coach Doug Branson have already proved they can beat any team on their schedule on any given night, and just last week did something thought almost impossible by beating Houston Academy, in Dothan. If the Rebels can play at a constant level of play they can win a lot more games and be a force when the tournament rolls along. I can tell you one thing, this year Zion Chapel is a team that no one really looks forward to playing.

KINSTON (2-13) continued to play hard each and every night out, but Coach Gary Glass and his troops also continued to find the wins hard to come by as their record slipped once again. The Bulldogs and their fans are very disappointed with the record of the team; however, no one can be disappointed with the way Coach Glass and the Bulldogs have battled for four quarters in every single game. Kinston isn't the most talented team around, which is obvious, but the Bulldogs back down from no one, and they play hard no matter the competition. That is all you can ask.

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

***I wonder if NBC might want to televise Dixie Youth Baseball, youth football, or maybe girls softball? It was unbelievable last week when it was announced that the major television networks had paid a total of \$17.6 billion dollars to the National Football League for the right to televise pro football games for the next eight years. According to the figures released, ESPN paid \$4.8 billion for Sunday night football, FOX paid \$4.4 billion for the NFL games, ABC paid \$4.4 billion for Sunday night football, and CBS paid \$4.4 billion for the AFC games. The new contract was an increase of over \$13 billion over the previous contract, and should make all the NFL franchises financially stable for years to come.

When compared to the other major sports, it is clear that the NFL is the top draw when it comes to TV. Major League Baseball has a five-year contract for \$1.7 billion, while the National Basketball Association gets \$2.64 billion for four years, the National Hockey League gets \$216.5 million for five years, and the PGA golf tour gets \$650 million for four years.

With the price of the new TV contracts in all the sports, it won't be long before all major sporting events go to a "Pay-per-View" system, which will ultimately force the fans to pay for what they watch.

The Butler High School Lady Rebels, of Huntsville, are the state's top ranked high school girls basketball team, and are ranked 5th in the nation with a 21-0 record. All that is good, but apparently not good enough, because the Lady Rebels for some reason defeated cross-city rival Huntsville High 141-25 last week to set a new state scoring record. The Butler coach couldn't deny running up the score, since four of the starters combined to score 111 points in the win. Okay, coach, you have a very good team that is obviously the best in the state, but why run up a score against a team that is clearly over-matched?

We have a girls 8 and Under league in Elba, and if you can get permission from the state, my little girls will play you and let you set a new record that will never be broken. I don't know what it would prove, but I'm sure you and your fans would get some enjoyment from the fact that you would win by probably 300 points.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association decided last week not to take action against Maplesville High School coach Jim Hubbert, who had been accused of striking a Billingsley football player after a '97 playoff game. According to AHSAA officials, there was "inconclusive evidence" to determine if the coach deliberately hit the player. Dan Washburn, the executive director of the AHSAA, stated there was no doubt there was contact, but added that there was no evidence to prove that the act was intentional. Billingsley High School officials stated the matter was now over and pledged to work to heal the relationship between the two schools.

The Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament was held last week at the Elba High gym, and the county wide tournament was once again a big success for all involved. I originated the tournament many years ago when New Hope and Goodman still had junior high schools, with all proceeds going to the Elba Junior High athletic program. It was a lot bigger tournament back then due to the larger number of teams participating, but it is still one of the top junior high events around, and hopefully will be around for many more years.

Sports

Tigers run past Rams 71-66

The Elba Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to pull even and then poured in 11 points in the second overtime to upset the Headland Rams 71-66 in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 7-4, 2-1 in Area action, while Headland saw its record slip to 13-4, 2-1 in Area play.

Elba was ready to battle the highly-ranked Rams from the opening tip, and behind the play of Tim Ware stayed even for much of the stanza, only to see Headland hit three three-pointers to pull on top 14-9 by the end of the quarter.

The Tigers continued their second half surge in the final stanza, and behind the play of Wayne Reed pulled within two-points in the closing minute of play.

The Tigers regained possession with :05 left on the clock and called a time-out to set up a final play in an attempt to send the game into overtime.

The in-bounds pass went to Eric Jordan near mid-court, and Jordan drove to the goal and hit a lay-up with :01 left on the clock as Elba caught the Rams at 55-55.

Headland scored late in the first extra period to send the game into a second overtime, where the Tigers

hit on five free-throws and turned back a late Headland charge to claim the 71-66 win.

Wayne Reed scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Elba, while Eric Jordan added 17 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and handed out 8 assists.

E 9 12 18 16 5 11 - 71
H 14 14 17 10 5 6 - 66

Elba (71): Jordan 17, Thigpen 6, Siler 9, Wicker 4, Coleman 3, Ware 10, Reed 22.

H'land (66): Bradley 6, Dukes 2, N. Severson 17, Lowe 16, M. Severson 19, Jackson 6.

(GIRLS GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers fell to 4-12 on the season as they were defeated by the Headland Lady Rams 55-20.

The Lady Tigers trailed only 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, but saw Headland stretch its lead to 26-14 by the end of the half, and then take command in the final two quarters to post the lopsided win.

Roshanda McKinnon and Lindsey Jared both scored 7 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

H 12 14 15 14 - 55
E 8 6 4 2 - 20

H'land (55): Wells 5, Fold 10, Sivall 6, Holman 2, Jackson 6, Dean 5, Brown 4, Tullis 4, Knight 11.

Elba (20): Boyd 2, McKinnon 7, Jared 7, Frederick 2, Lawford 2.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short as headland held on to claim a 39-38 win.

The Tigers fell behind 16-8 by the end of the opening stanza and trailed 27-17 at the half, but staged a furious second half rally, only to fall short and take the loss.

H'land (39): Reynolds 6, Reeves 2, Jackson 2, Thomas 9, Ward 11, Helms 3, Knight 6.

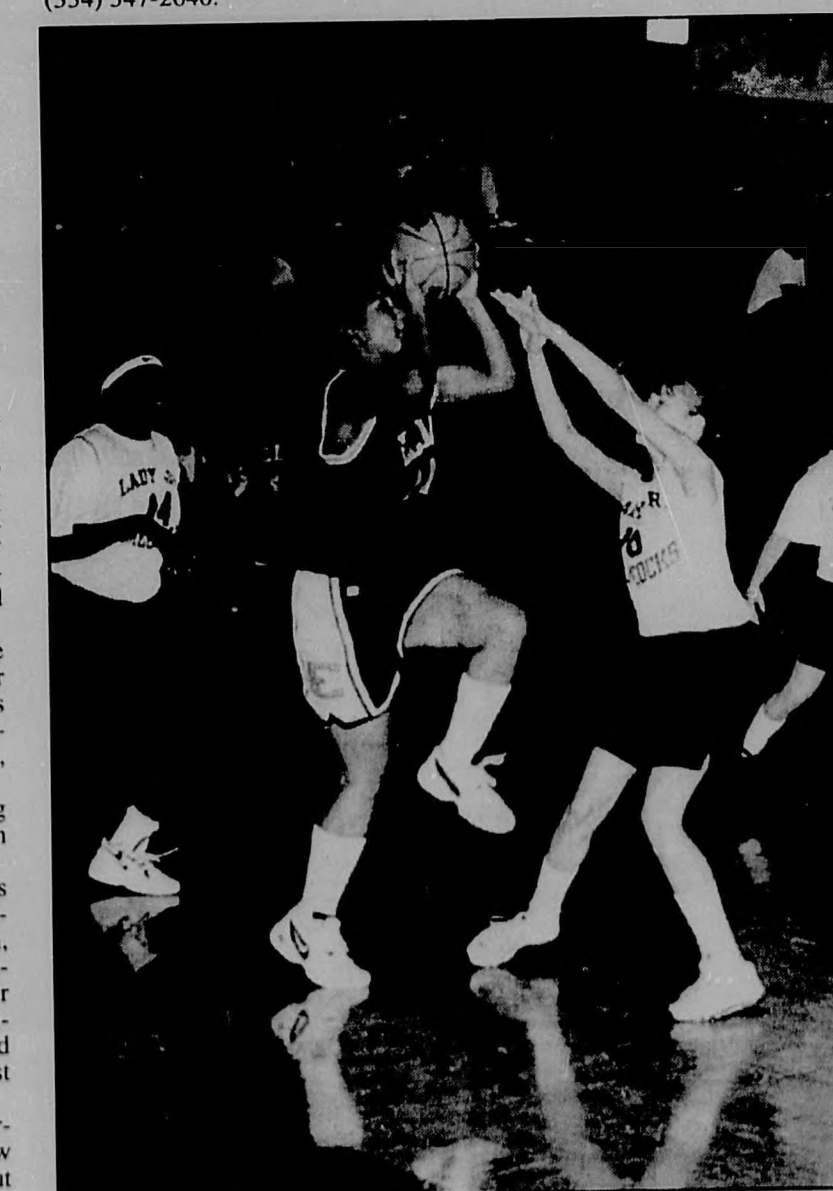
Elba (38): Lawford 8, Hodge 8, Hill 6, Coleman 8, Hammond 8.

Benefit tennis journey set for Feb. 20-22

The Enterprise High School tennis team and its parents will host the annual "Wildcat Benefit Tennis Tournament" on Feb. 20-22.

Entry forms will be available on Feb. 2, with all proceeds going to the tennis team to help cover expenses.

For additional information call Wanda Weeks at (334) 347-2967 or (334) 347-2640.



Elba Lady Tiger Roshanda McKinnon (in black) pulled double-duty last week as she played with both the varsity and junior-high basketball teams in basketball action.



Elba's Josh Hodge (10) drives in for a basket during a recent win for the Tiger junior varsity. Hodge, a junior, scored 8 points in last week's loss to Headland.

Late Clayton rally sinks Tigers 54-45

The Clayton Tigers outscored Elba 17-5 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter last Friday

night to rally past the Tigers 54-45, in Elba.

The loss left the Tigers with a 6-4 record, while Clayton upped its record to 7-5 with the win.

The Tigers came out ready to play against Clayton, and despite missing on six of eight free-throws, managed to sneak out to an 8-6 lead after one stanza.

Both teams began to find the goal in the second quarter, and sparked by the shooting of Wayne Reed the Tigers remained on top and went in at the half with a 22-18 advantage.

Mark Wicker scored six points for Elba in the third quarter as the Tigers remained ahead 32-30; however, Elba hit only five of ten free-throws in the final stanza, while Clayton hit on 17 of 27 charity tosses, and staged a late rally to escape with the win.

Mark Wicker scored 20 points to lead the Tigers, while Brascom led Clayton with 21 points.

C 6 12 12 18 - 54
E 8 14 10 13 - 45

Clayton (54): Turner 5, Guice 1, T. Person 6, Rogers 15, C. Person 2, Walker 2, Brascom 21, Clark 2.

Elba (45): Jordan 3, Thigpen 2, Silar 3, Wicker 20, Coleman 2, Ware 6, Reed 7.

(GIRLS GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 4-11 last Friday night with a 69-31 defeat at the hands of Clayton.

The Lady Tigers battled the visitors on even terms early in the game, but Clayton pulled out to a 36-15 halftime lead and then rolled away with the win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Blackmon led Clayton with 20.

C 18 18 16 17 - 69
E 9 6 9 7 - 31

Clayton (69): Blackmon 20, Birmingham 6, Lawrence 6, Diggs 11, Turner 4, Person 5, Moses 8, Simmons 2, Anglin 5, Gilbert 2.

Elba (31): Vaughan 1, Jared 2, Boyd 9, Daniels 8, McKinnon 11.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team saw Clayton take charge in the second quarter and run away with a 59-35 win.

The Tigers owned a 9-7 lead in the first quarter, but Clayton outscored Elba 25-4 in the second stanza to take a 32-13 halftime lead and rolled to the win.

Sammy Hill scored 15 points to lead Elba.

Clayton (59): Hawkins 3, Streeter 2, Peterson 6, Turner 4, Guice 2, Palmer 3, Turner 9, Glover 8, Nelson 4, Herring 5, Johnson 2, Anglin 2, Glover 5, Freeman 4.

Elba (35): Lawford 2, Hodge 6, Hill 15, Coleman 3, Hammond 7, Daniels 3.

Clayton (54): Turner 5, Guice 1, T. Person 6, Rogers 15, C. Person 2, Walker 2, Brascom 21, Clark 2.

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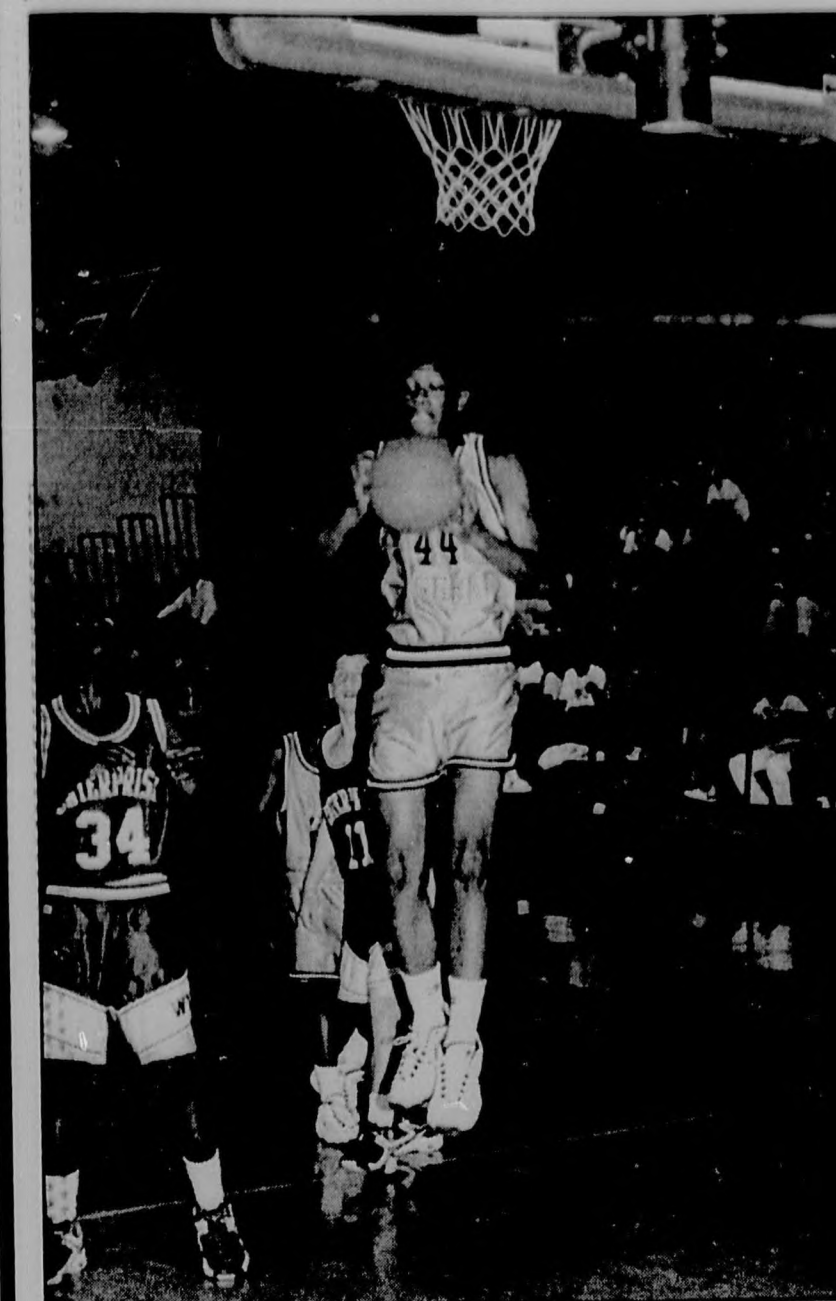


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Elba 8th grader Tim Andrews (44) pulls down a rebound in the Tigers' win over Enterprise. The Tigers won three straight games to win the county championship.

Enterprise Junior takes county title

The Enterprise Junior Wildcats proved their role as the pre-tournament favorite was correct as they rolled to two straight wins to claim the title in the Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament.

Following is complete tournament action:

SEMIFINALS:

ENTERPRISE 59 DAUPHIN 57

The Enterprise Wildcats used big third quarter to grab the lead and held on late to edge past the Dauphin Dolphins 59-57. The Dolphins jumped out to a 33-28 halftime lead, but saw the Wildcats go on a 21-6 run in the third quarter to take command, and then saw a late rally fall short as Enterprise escaped with the win.

Robert Williams scored 15 points and Jonathan Flowers added 12 to lead Enterprise, while Adam Godwin scored 12 for Dauphin.

E'PRISE (59): Harvin 9, DeLong 4, Flowers 12, Williams 15, McEllderry 6, Simmons 2, Brooks 5, Couch 2, Pett 4.

D'phin (57): Grimsley 7, Williams 9, Hicks 3, Healy 2, Godwin 15, Mack 2, Francis 3, Jennings 8, Solomon 2, Sparks 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

ENTERPRISE 41 ELBA 23

The Enterprise Junior Wildcats pulled ahead early and were never threatened as they rolled to a 41-23 win over the Elba Tigers, to claim the tournament title.

The Wildcats owned an 11-0 lead after one quarter and went in at the half with a 20-8 advantage. The Tigers cut the lead to 25-15 heading into the final stanza, but the Wildcats were in complete control and rolled to the win.

Jonathan Flowers scored 8 points to lead Enterprise, while Marcus Henderson led Elba with 8.

E'prise (41): Flowers 8, Brook 7, Cunningham 7, Simmons 6, Harvin 3, DeLong 2, McEllderry 2, Williams 2.

Elba (23): Henderson 8, Dubose 4, Grantham 2, Curran 2, Edwards 3, Coleman 2, Cook 2.

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BOY'S 8TH GRADE

MVP - Zel Daniels, Elba
Tim Whigham, Kinston
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Cody Sansom, Kinston
Will Gilford, Dauphin
Lance Blackmon, Enterprise
Demetrius Foster, New Brockton

BOY'S 9TH GRADE

MVP - Robert Williams, Enterprise
Adam Godwin, Dauphin
Derrick Coleman, Elba
Evin Harvin, Enterprise
Jimbo Cook, Elba
Dwight Williams, Dauphin
Jonathan Flowers, Enterprise
Kenneth Brooks, Enterprise
Jerry Dubose, Elba
John Grimsley, Dauphin
Marcus Henderson, Elba
Nathan DeLong, Enterprise

GIRL'S 9TH GRADE

MVP - Melody Diggs, Dauphin
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Elba 8th graders claim county crown

The Elba 8th grade Tigers went into the Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament as heavy favorites to claim the championship, and despite struggling at times, claimed three straight wins to keep the title in Elba.

Following are highlights of the tournament's action:

OPENING ROUND:

ELBA 32 ENTERPRISE 28

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead late in the game and held on to sneak past Enterprise 32-28. The Tigers owned a slim 16-15 lead the half, but saw Enterprise grab a lead early in the fourth quarter, and had to rally late to post the win.

Derrick Brooks scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Lance Blackmon led Enterprise with 9 points.

Elba (32): Daniels 8, Brooks 10, Smith 3, Moultry 5, Andrews 3, Burks 3.

E'prise (28): Erickson 3, Erdite 5, Blackman 9, Thoma 2, Greenwood 7, Hill 2.

SEMIFINALS:

KINSTON 19 DAUPHIN 16

The Kinston Bulldogs outscored the Dolphins 19-16. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 7-2 halftime lead, but saw Enterprise grab a lead early in the fourth quarter, and had to rally late to post the win.

Tim Whigham scored 12 points to lead Kinston, while Robert Cannon led Dauphin with 6 points.

Kinston (19): Whigham 12, Anderson 2, Lunsford 5.

DAUPHIN 52 KINSTON 8

The Dauphin Lady Dolphins led all the way to pound the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 52-8. Dauphin led only 14-6 after one quarter, but outscored the Lady Bulldogs 38-2 over the final three quarters to post the lopsided win.

Melody Diggs scored 16 points to lead Dauphin, while Amanda Edwards added 12 and Jessica Hutchinson added 10. Marissa Barefoot scored 8 at Kinston points.

Dauphin (52): Matthews 2, Walker 2, Edwards 12, McClain 4, Diggs 16, Hutchinson 10, McLeod 6.

Kinston (8): Barefoot 8.

SEMIFINALS:

NEW BROCKTON 31 ELBA 24

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks pulled away in the second half to down the Elba Lady Tigers 31-24. The score was tied at 13-13 at the half, but the Lady Gamecocks pulled ahead in the third quarter and held on for the win.

Kendra Cole scored 23 points to lead New Brockton, while Casey Skinner led Elba with 8.

N.B. (31): Cole 23, Donaldson 1, Smith 6, Jones 1.

Elba (24): Lewis 3, McKinnon 2, Bludsworth 3, Skinner 8, Mack 7.

DAUPHIN 46 E'PRISE 21

The Dauphin Lady Dolphins used two big quarters to blow past the Enterprise Lady Wildcats 46-21. The Lady Dolphins led only 13-8 after one quarter, but outscored the Lady Wildcats 25-5 in the second and fourth quarters to easily roll to the win.

Melody Diggs scored 25 points to lead Dauphin, while Amanda Edwards added 10. Crystal McCoy led Enterprise with 10 points.

Dauphin (46): Edwards 10, McClain 4, Diggs 25, Hutchinson 6, McLeod 2.

E'prise (21): Griffin 8, Hernandez 2, McCoy 10, Warren 1.

Dauphin (16): Keel 2, Gilford 6, Cannon 6, Rutherford 3, Phipps 1.

Elba (48): Daniels 6, Brooks 14, Smith 2, Moultry 2, Andrews 15, Burks 3, Coleman 2, Howe 4.

N.B. (31): Meeks 4, Kinsaul 8, Roberts 2, Foster 2, Edwards 15.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

ELBA 51 KINSTON 32

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead late in the first quarter and never looked back to rip the Kinston Bulldogs 51-32, and claim the county championship.

The Tigers couldn't find the basket in the early going, but began to

find the range late in the opening stanza and by the end of the half was in control with a 27-6 advantage. Elba stretched its lead to 47-15 by the end of the third stanza, and the Tigers reserves came in to mop up the big win.

Stan Windham - County Extension Agent

2 important educational opportunities on tap

Wiregrass area cattle producers are invited to attend a first class educational meeting on Jan. 22 (today) at the Farm Center Coliseum in New Brockton. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Main topics to be covered are targeting breeding for customer satisfaction, culling strategies and increasing beef quality and product value.

Beef cattle have grown to higher numbers than ever in the Wiregrass area. Our main market is midwest feedlots. In order to compete with other southern states, we must make sure we are producing the product these feedlots are wanting to feed.

Much of the information that will be presented at this meeting will help you to do just that.

A supper will be provided by the Coffee County Farmers Cooperatives in Elba and Enterprise. Participants will move around to three different stations that are roughly 30 minutes each to learn about the three topics mentioned above.

Another meeting is scheduled for

Alabama Peanut

Producers Association to meet in February

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association will have its 40th annual meeting on Feb. 12 at the Ramada Inn on Ross Clark Circle in Dothan. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the program at 10; lunch to be served at 12 noon.

Guest speakers will be discussing a variety of issues dealing with the peanut industry and its future. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

Following the annual meeting, there will be an APPA business meeting.

All area peanut growers and other interested persons are invited to attend.

For more information contact the Alabama Peanut Producers Association at 334/792-6482.

Jan. 27, 1 - 4 p.m. on futures marketing for ag commodities. This is a meeting that Richard Petcher and I are working on together to help producers market unsupported commodities such as cotton, cattle, hogs, and other commodities.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWIN WALKER COOPER, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of January, 1998, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that persons making claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By Mary E. Cooper, Personal Representative

1-15-222-2936

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Default being made in the terms of those certain real estate mortgages executed by Paul R. White and wife, Beverly J. White, to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, a banking institution, dated 7-8-91 and 4-15-94 and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 102A, at Pages 165-168, and Mortgage Book 122A, at Pages 52-55, respectively, which mortgages, the debts secured thereby, and all rights, title and interest in said mortgages in and to the property secured by said mortgages, hereinafter described, was assigned to SouthTrust Bank, National Association, successor in interest, a banking institution, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned SouthTrust Bank, National Association, under the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the courthouse door of Coffee County in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, on February 17, 1998, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 6, Block "K" of the Book, dated Subdivision in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, according to the Plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 3, in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to, a reasonable attorney's fee as provided by the terms of said mortgages and the laws of the State of Alabama.

Said property will be sold on an "as is" basis subject to all liens, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgages and those contained in the terms of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled hereto.

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Mary W. Marler Attorney for SouthTrust Bank, National Association 348 Simmons Street Elba, AL 36322 (334) 897-6161 1-22-292-3536

ESTATE OF FANNIE LOU WILSON, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By Jim M. Wilson, Personal Representative

1-815-222-2936

Mustard Seed Foundation News

The Mustard Seed Foundation Seniors met Jan. 14 for a time of fellowship, games and a luncheon.

Several members are still ill.

Members observing January birthdays are Diane Hudson, Sheila Hahn, Inez Wambles and Eavie Jirright.

Members present were Mattie Lou Goodson, Louise Wambles, Louise Daughan, Johnnie Hall, Dorothy Nell Crawley, Zealon Smith, Marilyn Maddox, Harper Smart, Pauline Wood, Sammie Wambles, Inez Wambles, Mary Seavey.

The Foundation seniors invite others to join them. Call 897-6647 or 735-2453 for information.

CWC Workshop to be held at Harris Temple

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will have its first CWC Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church.

Classes will include:

Singles: "What Do I Do With Myself?" Pastor W.K. Ellison

Relationships: Evangelist Rosa Coleman

Committed Prayer Life: Missionary Gwen Knight

Registration fee is \$5.00. Door prizes will be given.

Everyone is invited.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan E. Lashley and wife, Melanie Lashley, to First Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, on the 27th day of October, 1995, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in OR Book 3-A, page 372, said mortgage being transferred and assigned to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation (formerly known as Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation) by instrument recorded in OR Book 5A, page 335 in the aforesaid Probate Office, the undersigned Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama, on the 5th day of February, 1998, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama, and being a point on the North right of way line of Taylor Mill Road and run thence North 50 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West along said North right of way line for a distance of 119.8 feet to a point on a highway right of way widening, thence North 4 degrees 38 minutes East along said highway right of way widening for a distance of 339.0 feet; thence North 38 degrees 34 minutes East along said highway right of way line for a distance of 15.0 feet; thence South 1 degree 13 minutes East along said highway right of way line for a distance of 339.0 feet; thence South 38 degrees 37 minutes West for a distance of 260.1 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.35 acres.

1-15-222-2936

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF M.L. LASHLEY, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of January, 1998, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By Robert Paul Edmondson, Personal Representative

1-815-222-2936

ESTATE OF NEIL ROWE EDMONDSON, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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BALLARD BRIDGE ON AL HWY. 134 CLOSED FOR INSPECTION & REPAIRS

Four-vehicle crash on Pea River Bridge kills four

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

A four-vehicle pile-up on Ballard Bridge in southern Coffee County claimed the lives of four men on Wednesday, January 21, 1998.

The accident occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m. on the bridge spanning Pea River on AL Hwy. 134 between the Ino and Perry Store communities.

Killed were: Michael Shane German, 19, of Dothan; Johnny Wayne Weeks, Jr., 21, of Dothan; Buddy Charles Scott, Jr., 41, of Headland, AL; and Timothy Allen Pickron, 30, of Florala, AL.

Two other individuals, James Thomas Pickron, 52, of Florala, AL and Richard E. Morgan, 45, of Opp, AL, were injured in the collision.

Pickron was treated at the scene for minor injuries while Morgan was airlifted from the scene by a MAST helicopter to a Dothan hospital.

Emergency personnel and investigators from the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office.

The following is what authorities theorized happened based on state trooper testimony and investigation of the crash scene.

The two spreader trucks were traveling east while the flatbed truck and the blazer were westbound. The first spreader truck driven by the elder Pickron and the flatbed driven by German made the initial contact near the center of the bridge.

After the contact, the spreader truck apparently out of control collided with the blazer driven by Morgan near the east end of the bridge.

The flatbed truck continued westbound, apparently out of control, colliding head-on with the second spreader truck being driven by the younger Pickron.

According to James Pickron, the vehicles did not catch fire immediately on impact. He went to see if he could help the younger Pickron and the other victims but got no response from any of them. Weeks and Scott were passengers in the flatbed

truck. Pickron returned to his truck using his cellular phone to summon help.

The initial investigation of the crash site and the removal of the victims and vehicles took more than five hours. The highway was closed to traffic during this time.

State highway department officials kept the road closed until late Thursday evening in order to give the bridge a thorough inspection for any structural damage. They also repaired the side railings.

The bridge was closed again Tuesday (Jan. 27) so that state highway department personnel could make further repairs to the bridge.

Constructed in the 40s, the bridge is now and requires that the whole bridge be closed to traffic while repairs are being made. State engineers have stated that the bridge is structurally sound.

The clean-up of the spilled ammonium nitrate (what didn't burn or spill into the river) was handled by crews called in by ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

Authorities from the state game and fish division stated that the ammonium nitrate which spilled into the Pea River posed no threat to the fish and wildlife in and along the river.

Authorities praised the work of the emergency personnel that responded to this tragic scene. They also commended on the quickness of the response time and how effectively the different agencies worked together.

There were fire and rescue personnel on the scene from Elba, Kinston, Enterprise, and Opp. Volunteer firemen from Ino and Goodman also responded to the wreck.

A crash unit from Ft. Rucker along with a HazMat Team were on the scene to assist local emergency personnel. A MAST helicopter also landed near the wreck site and was used to transport one of the victims.

COST OF DEFENDING ETHICS COMPLAINT

Council refuses to pay Haywood legal bill

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council bought two police cars, passed a revised flood ordinance, reworked the nuisance ordinance, changed workman's comp. insurance companies, renewed the vehicle liability insurance, bought some shop equipment.

The council also approved a zoning change, were told of the rescue squad going "for profit" and said no to paying legal expenses of former mayor Ricky Haywood. All that, plus some items for information and a positive report from Police Chief R. W. Whitworth took just over an hour.

The meeting opened with Whitworth reporting 24 arrests since the last council meeting. He said the two new officers hired earlier this month have been through a short training and will be on the road February 1st.

The council approved a federally recommended update to the flood ordinance. These guidelines are necessary to keep the community eligible for the federal flood insurance program.

The nuisance ordinance adopted earlier this month was rescinded due to typographical mistakes and re-adapted in its corrected version. It is published in this week's issue of *The Elba Clipper* and is now law. Each council member is to name a member of the code enforcement committee from his respective council district. Names have already been submitted from Districts One and Two, according to a statement at the council meeting.

The council approved buying a used tire changer for regular size tires. City Clerk Donnie Morrow said this would save the city money by allowing city employees to change out tires in the city maintenance shop.

They also approved the purchase of a tire balancing machine. The cost of the two pieces of equipment will be divided between the city and the utility board. The used tire changer cost \$850 and the new tire balance machine cost \$1,995.

The council approved action by the Planning and Zoning Board to zone property at the intersection of Martin L. King Drive and 203 Bypass to commercial. The land is owned by L. M. Burch and will be used as a child's car. The vehicle has about 60,000 miles and cost \$6,000. It was purchased from Gene's Auto Sales of Elba. Mayor James Grimes said the car had been checked out and was worth the money.

Grimes also recommended renewing the vehicle liability insurance with Southeast Insurance of Elba. He said they had had a good working relationship during the past year. The cost is up slightly, due to adding additional vehicles. The 1998 cost is \$73,543 and includes the Rescue Squad vehicles.

Southeast Insurance was also low bidder on the Workman's Comp. insurance at \$53,949. That is about \$700 lower than the company which held the contract in 1997.

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The council voted not to pay the bill. Councilman Harold Bannin abstained.

City Clerk Henry Clark, was charged in an ethics complaint from a private citizen of missing city equipment during the Haywood administration. They successfully defended the charges before the Alabama Ethics Commission and Haywood presented an itemized bill totaling \$3,934.53 for his legal expenses, travel expense and one meal during the time following the filing of the complaint and the actual hearing in Montgomery.

City attorney Jeff Kelley gave council members a letter with references to this case qualified under those guidelines and if the council chose to approve payment of the bill, it could lead to further legal action against the city from any private citizen.

The council voted not to pay the bill. Councilman Harold Bannin abstained.

Council members saw a letter reporting that Southeast Alabama Gas Continued to page 11C

* * HAPPENINGS * *

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 2, 1998, at 9:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in the New Brockton City Hall.

REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTE!



LOOKING WEST...The view above is looking at the four-vehicle crash site on Ballard Bridge from the west side of Pea River. In the foreground, the spreader truck involved in the initial contact between vehicles can be seen. Its body was ripped from the frame and turned upside down spilling its load of ammonium nitrate on the roadway.

FIRSTEVER COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT NIGHT

Commission meeting makes history

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The Coffee County Commission made history Monday night. It held its first ever bi-monthly meeting at night - 6:30 p.m.

This historical meeting lasted just over an hour (one hour and fifteen minutes) including an executive session lasting twenty minutes.

About ten minutes into the meeting, commissioners went behind closed doors with District Attorney Mark Fuller to discuss a matter concerning missing funds from the county's coffers (See related story on front page).